on 10th August, 2005. These guidelines relate, *inter alia*, to viability criteria, prudential norms for restructured accounts, provision of additional finance, time frame for working out the restructuring package and its implementation, etc.

The banks have also been advised by the RBI to review the progress in rehabilitation and restructuring of SME accounts on a quarterly basis. The State Level Inter-Institutional Committee (SLIIC), set up in each State under the convenorship of the RBI representative, *inter alia*, monitors the implementation of these guidelines.

Losses to SSIs due to dumping of Chinese goods

†2222. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dumping of Chinese goods in Indian markets is causing loss to Indian Small Scale Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are going to dereserve more than half of the 508 products meant to be produced specially by Small Scale Industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Central Government has several on-going measures to address the issue of dumping of foreign goods, including those from China, in Indian markets. However, no data are available on loss to the Indian small scale industries on account of dumping of foreign goods.

(c) and (d) The Central Government has identified 180 items hitherto reserved for exclusive manufacture by the small scale industries for dereservation during 2006-07. However, no notificaion in this regard has been issued so far nor has the Central Government fixed any target, such as more than half of 506 products, for dereservation. Decisions on dereservation of products are taken, based on consultation with the stakeholders and thereafter recommendation of the Advisory

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Committee constituted under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

Issues of SSIs

2223. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the major issues of Small Scale Industries under the category of credit, technology, infrastructure, marketing and institutional support;

(b) the Macro level approaches needed to tackle above said issues;

(c) to what extent such approaches have succeeded to solve the problems; and

(d) the steps taken to have a complete solution?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The major concerns aired by the small scale industries (SSI) from time to time in respect of credit, technology, infrastructure, marketing and institutional support, include, *inter alia*, inadequate availability and high cost of credit, technology obsolescence, inability to access better and new technologies, poor infrastructure, constraints in access to both domestic and international markets and lack of institutional support.

(b) Although the State Governments/Union Territory administrations are primarily responsible for the promotion and development of small scale industries, the Central Government has put in place a number of policy initiatives and implements various schemes/programmes to assist the SSI to overcome inadequacies listed in the reply to part (a) of this question.

(c) Among other things, the policy initiatives, schemes and programmes referred to in the reply to part (b) above, have helped the SSI register consistent growth, both in terms of number of units and employment, in the last five years.

(d) The Central Government is responsive to the changing needs of the small scale sector and implements schemes/programmes to resolve various problems faced by this sector from time-to-time.